COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

EXPRESS TELEPHONE SERVICES, INC.) CASE NO. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S) OF KRS 278.535) 2004-00433

NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION

I have served as a Commissioner since August 16, 2004. Prior to my appointment as Commissioner, I served as Vice President of External Affairs for ALLTEL Communications and its Kentucky affiliates. I terminated all relationships with these entities, including any financial interests I may have previously held, before being appointed as Commissioner. However, to avoid any appearance of a conflict, I have refrained from participating in any matter involving a telecommunications carrier. My desire has been that my abstention would help to uphold the public confidence in the independence and integrity of this Commission, though I am unaware of any law that expressly prohibited my participation in Commission proceedings. By this notice I am announcing that I will, from this date forward, participate in deliberations and decisions regarding the above-styled proceeding.

¹ I have participated in dockets involving telecommunications carriers filed with the Commission on and after February 16, 2005. My 6-month anniversary is February 15, 2005.

W. Gregory Coker Commissioner

Public Service Commission

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DATED: <u>June 10, 2005</u>

cc: Parties of Record